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UPDATE ON ELECTRONIC CLAIMS PROCEDURES FOR PHARMACIST ADMINISTERED PUBLICLY FUNDED SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE

The following is notification that publicly funded seasonal influenza vaccine may be administered to individuals without a Medicare Number who reside out-of-province and who are in New Brunswick temporarily. In order to be eligible to receive publicly funded seasonal influenza vaccine, the individual must meet the NB criteria - See www.gnb.ca/flu. The criteria for pharmacist administration are as follows:

- Children aged 5-18 years
- Adults aged 65 and older
- Individuals with identified chronic conditions aged 5 years and older and who are known to the pharmacist through regular dispensing of medication to treat such conditions and for whom an up to date patient medication profile is available.

NBPDP Plan “I” has been set-up to allow for electronic claims adjudication. A patient profile should be set-up as for any patient and must include the vaccine recipient’s name and address; Medicare number (**or 999 999 999 for out-of-province individuals**); date of birth and gender; date vaccine administered, name and lot number of the vaccine. For billing purposes, the following procedures and information are required.

- In the Patient ID field enter the patient’s NB Medicare number. Note: this also applies to NBPDP beneficiaries. **In cases where an individual is eligible but resides out-of-province enter “999 999 999” in place of the Medicare number.**
- In the Plan field enter “I”. Note: this also applies to NBPDP beneficiaries.
- In the Prescriber field enter “8000” plus the license number of the pharmacist administering the vaccine.
- In the Drug field enter the Fluviral® DIN: 02015986
- In the Drug Cost field(s) enter zero.
- In the Dispensing Fee field enter \$12.00.
- In the Intervention and Exception Code field enter the CPhA code “IB” for those individuals meeting at least one of the chronic conditions listed in Table 1 below.

Note: Regulation 2009-136, section 14 under the Public Health Act requires that those who administer a vaccine provide the recipient with a record of the immunization. A computer generated prescription receipt would satisfy this requirement.